



# *In The Works...*

A Department of Public Works Update

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Fall 2010

## **Public Works Facility Usage**

Residents using the Public Works Facility need to follow several basic rules.

- Be prepared to identify yourselves or the property where the material is coming from.
- Be courteous and alert, trucks and machinery are constantly in use by employees.
- Speed should not exceed five (5) miles per hour.
- Place material in proper areas.
- If you aren't sure if the material can be collected at the facility, stop at the office and ask.
- If you witness violators, notify the office with the license number.
- Violators will be prosecuted.

Other communities have closed their drop off sites due to violators causing unmanageable disposal costs.

## **Overflow/Bulky Items Disposal Program**

Menasha residents have done very well with this program. To be cost effective, a city ordinance was established to standardize the level of service for one (1) to four (4) dwelling units up to 64 gallons of refuse collection per unit per week. An upgrade to a 96-gallon cart is available for families regularly exceeding the standard volume at a cost of \$0.50 per week. Any refuse outside of the cart with an appropriate sticker on it will be picked up on garbage day.

Each household is provided six (6) bulky/overflow stickers per year; the stickers are delivered to your home with other yearly information. Additional stickers may be purchased at City Hall or the Public Works Facility. The cost of each **overflow sticker** for a single (less than 33 gallons or 30 pounds) bag outside of cart is \$1.00. **Bulky item stickers** (for a couch, stove, table, etc.) cost \$15.00 each.

All freon-based appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.) and microwaves require a disposal permit which cost \$15.00 each and can be purchased at City Hall or the Public Works Facility.

## **Tire Disposal**

The Public Works Facility accepts tires with rims removed during normal operating hours. Please note that tires will not be collected at the curb. The following fees apply.

Car tires: \$3.00      Truck tires: \$5.00      Tractor tires: \$7.00      Bike tires: No Charge

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## **Fall Leaf Collection Schedule**

Leaf collection will begin Tuesday, October 19 and end Wednesday, November 24, 2010. City crews will be in your area multiple times. **Heavy volume may cause crews to fall behind schedule, but we will proceed in sequence through the entire city.** We appreciate your patience.

- **Place leaves loose on the terrace, *not* on the street.** Your cooperation will reduce street drainage problems and inlet clogging.
- Grass clippings and garden stalks must be shorter than 12 inches in length.
- Separate leaves from the brush. Brush collection is the first full work week of every month on your regular refuse collection day (see *Yearly Brush Collection Program* article).



In the event of an early snowfall or not getting your leaves out to the terrace prior to the last collection in your neighborhood; the city has a drop-off site located at the Public Works Facility on Baldwin Street. Starting November 29th, hours for the drop-off site will change to 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday only. Extended hours will resume in 2011 after the Spring Clean Up.

### **Public Works Facility**

#### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am until 3:00 pm

#### **Yard Hours**

**April 24, 2010—November 24, 2010 Extended Hours**

Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**November 29, 2010—April 22, 2011**

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

**455 Baldwin Street**

**Telephone (920) 967-3620**

**Fax (920) 967-5270**

**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

**ELECTRONICS HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM  
WISCONSIN LANDFILLS**

*By Bridgette Valdez-Kogle, DNR*

Cell phones, computers, televisions and other electronics are a daily part of most of our lives. But the more electronics we use the more electronic waste we create. Electronic waste is the fastest growing component of waste in the United States. There are millions of pounds of electronic waste in Wisconsin alone.

Until now, Wisconsin households could throw away their outdated or broken electronics. But trashing electronics is not without consequences. Electronics can contain harmful chemicals like mercury, lead, cadmium and other heavy metals, as well as chemical flame retardants. When disposed of improperly, these pollutants can pose a risk to human and environmental health.

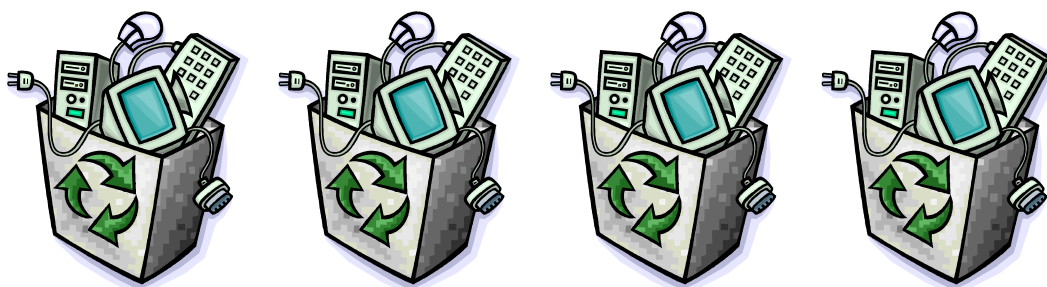
Electronics also contain valuable reusable materials, including steel, gold, silver, copper and glass. Properly recycling these materials reduces the need for mining new materials. “Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them,” said Ann Coakley, director of DNR’s Waste and Materials Management Program.

Under a new electronics recycling law, passed in October 2009, Wisconsinites now have the opportunity to recycle their electronics instead of trashing them. The E-Cycle Wisconsin program, created under the law by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provides electronics recycling options in many parts of the state and bans the landfilling of certain electronic devices as of Sept. 1, 2010.

“This is an exciting new opportunity for many of us in Wisconsin to recycle our electronics more easily and cheaply,” Coakley said.

All of these devices, along with cell phones, are banned from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators as of Sept. 1. For more information on the E-Cycle Wisconsin program, including a full list of collection sites, see <http://dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin>. For questions, contact the E-Cycle Wisconsin program at (608) 266-2111 or [DNRWae-cycling@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRWae-cycling@wisconsin.gov)





## **The following electronics can be recycled through E-Cycle Wisconsin**

- Computers (desktop, laptop, netbooks and tablet computers), mice and keyboards
- Desktop printers (including those that scan, fax and/or copy), Fax machines
- Computer monitors, Televisions
- Stereos, tape players, recorders, speakers
- Personal electronics, cameras, camcorders
- Mobile or cordless phones
- Other computer accessories such as hard drives, speakers, flash drives, modems, docking systems
- DVD players, VCRs and DVRs

## **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**

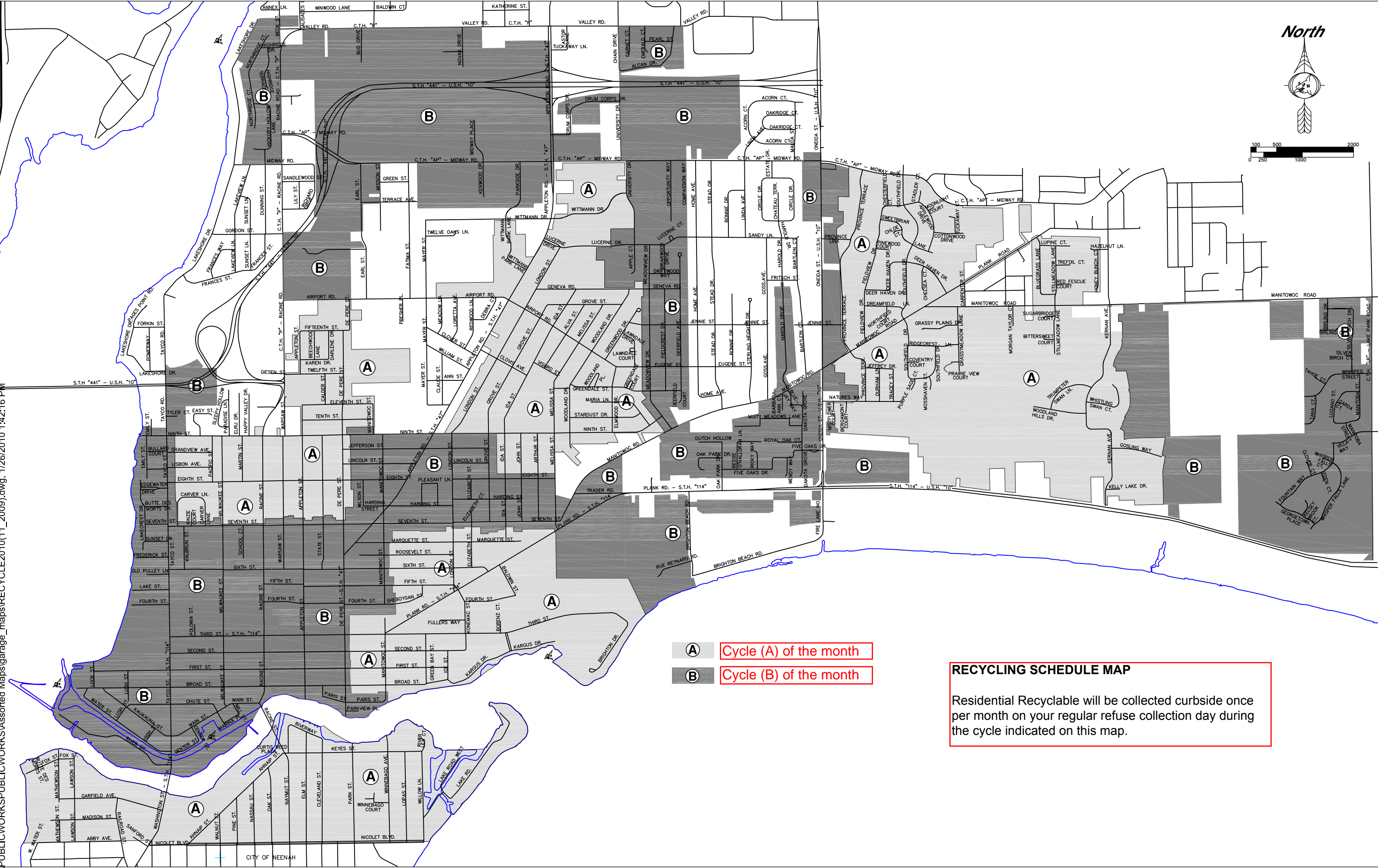
**Check local recycling options, many local options are available with & without fees.**

**Not all collectors and/or recyclers will accept all types of electronics.**

Contact locations for specific recycling information and hours of operation.

### **Local E-Cycle Wisconsin Registered Collectors and/or Recyclers (as of 5/19/2010)**

- Winnebago Cty Recycling Facility 920-727-2896  
[www.winnebago.co.wi.us](http://www.winnebago.co.wi.us)
- Outagamie Recycling Facility 920-832-4710  
[www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org](http://www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org)
- Paper Valley Recycling Center 920-729-5005  
[www.recycleamerica.com](http://www.recycleamerica.com)
- Resource Solutions Corp. 920-757-5745  
[www.recyclethatstuff.com](http://www.recyclethatstuff.com)
- 1st Star Computer Recyclers 920-268-4674  
[www.junkmycomputer.com](http://www.junkmycomputer.com)
- Step Industries 920-722-2345  
1010 Strohmeyer Dr., Neenah  
[www.stepindustries.com](http://www.stepindustries.com)
- American TV & Appliance 920-733-1000  
4750 Grande Market Dr., Appleton  
[www.americantv.com](http://www.americantv.com)
- Best Buy Co., Inc. 920-738-4537  
2411 S. Kensington Dr., Appleton
- Best Buy Co., Inc. 920-739-8319  
4240 W. Wisconsin Dr., Appleton  
[www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com)
- Suess Electronics Inc. 920-733-6464  
2520 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton  
[www.suesselectronics.com](http://www.suesselectronics.com)





# RECYCLING CALENDAR for 2010-2011

Please Save for Future Use

## 2010

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## 2011

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► Denotes brush collection week.

□ Denotes a holiday.

■ CYCLE A

■ CYCLE B

NOTE: \*\*Recycling collection schedules are adjusted to help avoid holiday conflicts.

\*\*Holidays do not change the brush collection schedule.

# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING UPDATE

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COLLECTION BEGAN WITH JANUARY 2010 COLLECTION

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES TO THE COLLECTION PROCESS IS THE ELIMINATION OF PLASTIC BAGS FROM THE RECYCLING STREAM. PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE AND INTERFERE WITH THE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE, PLASTIC BAGS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING THEM TO HOLD RECYCABLES.



**PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY COLOR OR TYPE ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED IN THE RECYCLING STREAM**

SINGLE STREAM MEANS ALL RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLABLE PAPER PRODUCTS CAN BE COLLECTED TOGETHER AND NO LONGER NEED TO BE SEPARATED.



**PAPER PRODUCTS, GLASS, PLASTICS, ALUMINUM AND TIN CONTAINERS WILL BE CO-MINGLED TOGETHER (*SINGLE STREAM*) IN THE SAME CONTAINER.**

**What is single stream recycling?** Single stream recycling allows all recyclables (including paper, cardboard, cans and bottles) to be mixed together for collection, either in a cart or bin.

Single stream does **NOT** mean trash materials are mixed with your recyclables, only that your paper and container recyclables may be mixed together.

**Why change to single stream?** It makes recycling easy. No separation increases the ease and convenience of recycling, so that more people participate and more resources are saved. It can also make collection easier and more efficient and all recyclables can be mixed in a single compartment in the truck.

**What about "blue bags"?** Plastic bags of any color or type are banned from the recycling stream. Plastic bags should **NOT** be used at any time with single stream recycling as plastic bags wrap around the processing equipment and cause facility downtime to clear.

**Keep it Clean!** It is still important to rinse your cans/bottles to remove food and liquid. This is especially important with single stream, where paper and container recyclables share your recycling bin or cart.



Recycling Made Easy

## Puzzled by plastics? #1 & #2 narrow neck bottles are acceptable

Many people are puzzled by which plastics can be recycled and which should go in the trash. Plastics are a group of very chemically diverse materials. Fortunately, a national coding system requires most consumer plastics to be labeled with a resin code 1 through 7. This helps consumers identify the types of plastic used in making bottles and other containers.

The coding system consists of a recycling triangle with a number 1 through 7 in the center. Each number represents a different type of plastic resin. The letters sometimes found under the triangle abbreviate the name of the plastic. Generally, the coding symbol is imprinted on the bottom of a plastic container.

While the code provides guidance, it should be viewed with caution because of the misleading use of the recycling triangle. The presence of the recycling triangle does not necessarily mean that the item is accepted in the local recycling program. For example, plastic deli and produce containers often bear the #1 label. However, these containers include additives that will ruin a batch of #1 plastic used to make new beverage containers. When in doubt, it is better to throw the container out.

### #1 & #2 PLASTICS COLLECTIBLE IN MENASHA



**PETE - polyethylene terephthalate** \*Good recycling market – Collectable in Menasha

Common forms: two liter soft drink bottles, some jars. Recycled into: fiberfill, carpet backing, nonfood containers.

Problems: high level pollutants inherent in manufacturing process, high probability of releasing noxious compounds during combustion.



**HDPE - high density polyethylene** \*Good recycling market – Collectable in Menasha

Common forms: milk and household soap bottles. Recycled into: “plastic lumber”, piping, drain tiles, flower pots, some soap bottles. Problems: some pollutants inherent in manufacturing, noxious compounds released during combustion.

### #3 through #7 PLASTICS ARE NOT COLLECTIBLE IN MENASHA



**PVC - polyvinyl chloride** \*Limited recycling market – NOT collected in Menasha

Common forms: salad oil containers, clear film for packaging meat. Recycled into: limited to construction and auto industry plastics. Problems: high levels of pollutants inherent in manufacturing process, high probability of releasing noxious compounds during combustion.



**LDPE - low density polyethylene** \*Limited recycling market – NOT collected in Menasha

Common forms: food packaging, shrink wrap, some plastic bags. Recycled into: plastic bags, landscape timbers on a very limited basis. Problems: same as HDPE



**PP – polypropylene** \*Limited but growing recycling market – NOT collected in Menasha

Common forms: butter and margarine tubs, yogurt containers, screw-on caps and lids, drinking straws. Recycled into: mixed with PETE and HDPE for some of the products listed above on a limited basis. Problems: high level of pollutants in manufacturing process.



**PS - polystyrene foam – “Styrofoam™”** \*Limited recycling market – NOT collected in Menasha

Common forms: cups, egg cartons, meat packing trays, plastic forks, spoons and knives. Recycled into: foam boards and food trays on a limited basis. Problems: some pollutants inherent in manufacturing process, recycling is not yet economical due to the high volume to weight ratio.



**Other** This category includes products which contain all other plastics, mixed plastics or multi-layer materials. NOT collected in Menasha.

## Yearly Brush Collection Program

Public Works crews will chip brush curbside **the first full week of each month on your regular refuse collection day**. **Holidays do not change this schedule**. Between scheduled collection periods, residents may also haul brush to the drop-off site at the Public Works Facility, contract with the Public Works Department or a private company for disposal. **Private contractors are responsible for disposing of the brush they cut**. Please remember the following instructions for curbside brush placement:

- Place brush at the curb in loose piles, not bundled, with all cut ends in the same direction.
- Brush may not exceed 18 inches in diameter and should not have the root ball attached.
- Longer lengths are easier and safer to handle.
- Brush that can be bagged must be dropped off at the Public Works Facility.
- The city will not collect brush resulting from the clearance of a lot for construction.
- **Brush may not be placed at the curb more than 48 hours prior to your collection day.**

## Automated Refuse Collection

To help the automated refuse truck operators be most effective, the following guidelines have been established:

- Carts must be curbside for pickup by 7:00 am. **(cart can be placed at curb after 4 p.m. the prior day)**.
- Refuse carts need to be placed five (5) feet from obstructions (other carts, trees, poles, recycling or overflow bags, bulky items, mailboxes, etc.).
- Place refuse cart so the arrows on the lid point toward the street.
- Refuse carts containing recyclable items will not be emptied.
- Do not place refuse carts on snow banks.
- Lids need to be closed.
- Metal item(s) must be tagged as bulky/overflow or brought to our scrap metal collection site.

### 2010-2011 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

<i>If your regular collection day is:→</i>	<i>Your holiday collection day will be:</i>
<b>Thanksgiving 2010</b>	
Thursday, November 25→	Wednesday, November 24
Friday, November 26→	Monday, November 29
<b>Christmas 2010</b>	
Friday, December 24→	Thursday, December 23
Monday, December 27→	Tuesday, December 28
<b>New Year's Day 2011</b>	
Monday, January 3→	Tuesday, January 4



## Menasha Recycling Program

Residential recyclables are collected curbside **once** per month on your regular refuse collection day.

Refer to the map & calendar included with this newsletter or visit our website to find your recycling collection schedule.

### IN DECEMBER WATCH FOR DOOR HANGER DELIVERY OF 2011 COLLECTION INFORMATION

**In January 2010 plastic bags of any color were banned from the recycling stream and are no longer acceptable packaging containers.**

### RECYCLE THESE PAPER PRODUCTS:

- newspapers and paper grocery bags
- magazines, catalogs, printing or writing paper and phone books
- corrugated cardboard (with wavy inside)
- chipboard/fiberboard (cereal boxes, beverage boxes, etc.)
- junk mail (solicitations, advertisements, etc.)



### RECYCLE THESE CONTAINERS:

- aluminum, empty aerosol (caps & nozzle removed), and tin cans (labels & lids can be left on)
- #1 and #2 plastic narrow neck bottles - NO CAPS
- glass bottles & jars (any color) – REMOVE CAPS & LIDS

### KEEP IT CLEAN:

- Rinse your cans/bottles to remove food & liquid.

### THROW THESE ITEMS AWAY:

- paper plates, napkins, paper with food on it, and pizza boxes
- waxed paper or waxed boxes
- aluminum foil
- plastics marked #3 through #7
- plastic toys, baskets, bags, etc.
- plastic motor or vegetable oil bottles
- tops, lids & caps from glass jars and plastic bottles
- plastic containers with wide necks (cottage cheese, margarine tubs, etc.)
- window glass, ceramics, drinking glasses, mirrors, and light bulbs



### 2011 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

<i>If your regular collection day is:→</i>	<i>Your holiday collection day will be:</i>
<b>Memorial Day 2011</b>	
Monday, May 30→	Tuesday, May 31
<b>Independence Day 2011</b>	
Monday, July 4→	Tuesday, July 5
<b>Labor Day 2011</b>	
Monday, September 5→	Tuesday, September 6

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